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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 59 of the First Extraordinary Session
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A RESOLUTION to honor Phillip Todd Collins, 1999 Valedictorian
of Smith County High School.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly should honor those individuals who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment have achieved excellence in their academic careers; and

WHEREAS, Phillip Collins is one such outstanding student who has distinguished himself as Valedictorian of the 1999 class at Smith County High School; and

WHEREAS, through long hours of diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and untiring commitment of time and talent, Phillip has achieved extraordinary academic success, and has joined the ranks of the elite students of Tennessee and our nation; and

WHEREAS, Phillip has been recognized in several national publications including *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, the United States Achievement Academy and he was the recipient of the National English Merit Award; and

WHEREAS, demonstrative of his intellectual prowess and inner drive, Phillip attained perfect attendance for three years, maintained his status on the honor roll for four years and was included in the Academic Banquet for all four years; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his academic excellence, Phillip is an accomplished musician; he committed himself to the marching band, concert band and pep band, the latter having won

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the Sweepstakes Award at Foothills Classic Marching Band Festival in 1996 and was also awarded the Sweepstakes Award at the Highland Rim Marching Band Festival in 1998; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable band also won first place at the 1996 Smoky Mountain Marching Band Festival, marched in the Presidential Inaugural Parade and marched in the Governor's Inaugural Parade; and

WHEREAS, his untiring dedication to the school's band afforded him the opportunity to travel to Canada, where the band marched in the Disney's Magic Music Days; and

WHEREAS, Phillip has demonstrated his social conscience through his involvement in the National Beta Club, French Club, Students Against Drunk Driving, Science and Math, Library Club and the Academic Bowl Team; and

WHEREAS, he was also selected "Most Likely to Succeed" by his senior class; and

WHEREAS, Phillip Collins' display of intellectual prowess and inner drive surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, Phillip's noteworthy achievement is a great source of pride for his parents, Ronnie and Reba Collins, and his grandparents, Monnie and Elvin Andrews and Lloyd and Eva Collins; and

WHEREAS, Phillip's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 1999 Smith County High School Valedictorian, Phillip Collins, on his impressive academic achievement, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy and successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

